IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/696,208 Confirmation No. 7298

Applicant : Walton et al. Customer No. 23696

Filed: October 29, 2003

Art Unit : 2617

Examiner : William D. Cumming

Docket No. : 010454D1

Mail Stop: **AMENDMENT** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 10, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two months and set to expire on August 10, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

<u>Petition for Extension of Time</u>:

Applicants hereby petition for a 2-month extension of time to extend the three-month shortened statutory period for reply as set by the Examiner to cover the date this Response is filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 17-0026 for the requisite 2-month extension fee of \$490.00.